

1. (Currently Amended) A method of making a display device ~~of the kind specified~~ that includes a light-transmitting sheet having first and second opposed parallel surfaces and a source of illumination at an edge of the sheet, which method includes applying a matrix to at least one of the first and second surfaces which comprises a series of lines extending between opposed edges of the sheet and in which ~~the spacings between the lines and/or the thicknesses of the lines are so chosen~~ increase with increasing distance from the source of illumination so as to obtain a desired an increased intensity of illumination at selected areas of the sheet.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in Claim 1, in which a matrix of markings is applied to each of the first and second surfaces so as to cover at least a major proportion of each surface.

3. (Currently Amended) A display device ~~of the kind specified~~ that includes a light-transmitting sheet having first and second opposed parallel surfaces and a source of illumination at and edge of the sheet, which device includes a matrix applied to at least one of the first and second surfaces which comprises a series of lines extending between opposed edges of the sheet and in which ~~the spacings between the lines and/or the thicknesses of the lines are so chosen~~ increase with increasing distance from the source of illumination so as to obtain a desired an increased intensity of illumination at selected areas of the sheet.

4. (Currently Amended) A display device as claimed in Claim 2 ~~3~~, in which a matrix of markings is applied to each of the first and second surfaces so as to cover at least a major proportion of each surface.

5. (Previously Presented) A display device as claimed in Claim 2, in which the sheet of light-transmitting material is of generally rectangular form and there is a first series of lines extending between two of the opposed edges of the sheet and a second series of lines extending between the other two opposed edges of the sheet.

6. (Original) A display device as claimed in Claim 5, in which the two series of lines intersect to define a plurality of hexagons, i. e. the matrix is in the form of a honeycomb pattern.

7. (Currently Amended) A display device ~~of the kind specified~~ that includes a light-transmitting sheet having first and second opposed parallel surfaces and a source of illumination at an edge of the sheet, which device includes a matrix applied to at least one of the first and second surfaces and in which the matrix is of honeycomb form comprising a plurality of interengaging hexagons.

8. (Currently Amended) A display device as claimed in Claim 3 ~~Z~~, in which the light-transmitting sheet is of an acrylic material.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in Claim ~~4~~ 2, in which the markings are applied by inkjet printing.

10. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in Claim ~~4~~ 2, in which the markings are applied by means of a stencil, by means of a transfer, by laser printing or by engraving.

11. (Currently Amended) A display device as claimed in Claim 7, produced by a method in which a computer-controlled system is used for choosing the thicknesses of the lines forming the hexagons ~~and/or the sizes of the hexagons~~ forming the honey-comb.